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Question: If a facility has submitted an Alternate Security Plan (ASP) in lieu of a Site Security Plan (SSP), but does not have an approval, can it still be part of the Expedited Approval Program?

Answer: Yes, any facility assigned a tier 3 or 4 prior to December 18, 2014, with a final tiering letter may participate in the Expedited Approval Program (EAP). They must submit their EAP SSP by November 13, 2015, as outlined in the Act. If the facility was assigned a tier 3 or 4 after the enactment of the Act, they too can participate, but must submit their EAP SSP by November 13, 2015, or 120 days after their tier assignment, whichever date is later. The facility must first give DHS 30 days advanced notice that they will be submitting the site security plan and certification through the EAP. The EAP is different from the standard SSP and ASP process as it requires facilities to meet prescriptive standards. Therefore, the facility's EAP SSP must meet each applicable prescriptive measure within the DHS Guidance for the Expedited Approval Program and/or must identify any material deviations and provide clear explanations as to how the material deviations meet the relevant portions of the applicable RBPS and comparable security to the prescriptive measure within the guidance document.

6 U.S.C. § 622(c)(4)